

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A computerized method for communicating information to service personnel for on-site servicing of a selected railroad locomotive from a group of generally similar locomotives, with said selected locomotive being made up of a plurality of systems and subject to unique system configurations and servicing requirements~~managing supply of replacement parts used for servicing a piece of equipment~~, said method comprising:

providing a first database comprising detailed system configuration data regarding a selected railroad locomotive;

providing a second database comprising parts supply data indicative of availability of replacement parts for servicing the group of generally similar locomotives;

providing a respective identifier for uniquely identifying the selected locomotive from among the group of generally similar locomotives;

providing an input/output device at a service site in communication with the first and second databases;

accessing the first database through the input/output device by communicating to said first database information indicative of the respective identifier for the selected locomotive through the input/output device;

generating a computer-readable order for parts using the detailed system configuration data in said first database regarding the selected railroad locomotive, with said order identifying respective parts and quantity thereof to be made available for said service site for servicing the selected locomotive;

transmitting the order from the service site to said second database~~a computer-readable order, wherein said order is configured to identify respective parts and quantity thereof to be made available for said service site;~~

processing said order relative to the data stored in the second database to determine availability of the parts identified in the order for servicing the selected locomotive;

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